

ORDER OF SERVICE - 16 FEBRUARY 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 16 February 2025 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. All our services are available on our YouTube channel for viewing at any time at < bit.ly/greyfriarstv >.

Organ: Chanson de Matin

Edward Elgar

Introit: Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini.

(Blessèd are they whose way is undefiled, who walk in the law of the Lord.)

Psalm 119: 1

C. V. Stanford

Call to Worship

(Psalm 32: 1 – 5)

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

All: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said,
'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Hymn 182: Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Nun Danket

2. Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessèd peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven —
the Father and the Son
and Spirit — now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart,
tr. Catherine Winkworth

Welcome and Introduction

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Prayers

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love You and worthily praise Your holy name; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.* *Amen*

Psalm 32: You are my hiding place,
you always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.
I will trust in you.
Let the weak say, 'I am strong
in the strength of the Lord.'

2. You are my hiding place,
you always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.
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Let the weak say, 'I am strong
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(from *Psalms for all Seasons*,
Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, 2012)

The Word of God

Ephesians 1: 3 – 10

Reader: Van McKellar

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Hymn 554: Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Petra

2. Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
stained by sin, to thee I fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar through realms unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Augustus Montague Toplady

Luke 7: 36 - 50

A Sinful Woman Forgiven

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon: 'A Gift of Inestimable Worth'

Anthem:

Accompanist: Andre Theng

Blessèd be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

from 1 Peter 1

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Offering

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Offertory Prayer and Pastoral Prayer: Tori Graham

The Lord's Prayer: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.* Amen

Hymn 512: To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

To God be the Glory

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
for every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

Frances Jane Crosby

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

Benediction

(sung) Amen

Organ: Choral Song

S. S. Wesley

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

10:30am – Main Service – Rev. Dr. John Carswell

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

7pm – Refugio

Thursday 20 February

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 23 February

10am – TLC service at St Columba's by the Castle
(Greyfriars will be open for quiet reflection)

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 27 February

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 2 March

9:15am – Early Communion

10:30am – Main Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Upcoming Events

Thursday 20 February

12pm - Greyfriars @ 12 concert:
Wesley Hua (guitar)

Thursday 27 February

12pm - Magnus Turpie
& Dominic Blaikie
(accordion, fiddle & guitar)

Friday 7 March

7:30pm – Dunedin Consort
Concert

*More information on
services and events can be
found on our [website](#) or by
scanning the QR code:*



Refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us after today's service for a chat over tea or coffee and biscuits, served at the back of the church beneath the organ. If you are new to the Kirk, or are visiting after some time away, please feel welcome to introduce yourself to the welcomers on the door and ministry team before or after the service.

Charteris Community Coffee Mornings!

The regular coffee mornings at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, will take place from 10.30am this Thursday, 20 February, and fortnightly thereafter.

Volunteers

With our slimmed-down ministry team we are more than ever dependent on members of the congregation for the various essential roles to support our worship week by week. We are keen to expand the various rotas. Do get in touch if you can help, even if only once in a while.

For bible reading and pastoral prayers, contact Naomi Stewart <naomistewart23@gmail.com>; for welcoming at the door, contact either Jo Elliot <sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com> or Bob Bradley <robertbradley152@gmail.com>; for catering, contact Isobel Hutchings <bertishutchings@btinternet.com>; for live streaming, contact Peter Rae <peterwhrae@btinternet.com>; for midweek prayers, contact Shirley Bell <shirley12bell@gmail.com>; and for choir and music, Caroline Cradock <organist@greyfriarskirk.com>. Many thanks.

Ministry team and Pastoral Care

Our Locum Minister is the Rev. Dr. John Carswell and our Church of Scotland Reader is Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC. If you would like to get in touch for any reason, to hear about how things are going at Greyfriars, to seek support or pastoral care, or simply to share a cup of tea and a chat, you will be very welcome. Please contact the Kirk office by phone (0131 225 1900), or by email to either minister@greyfriarskirk.com or contact@greyfriarskirk.com



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